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Bro W C Robinson.

If it should be known I said or wrote anything that would help to move Bro Beattie from here I should get a genuine Irish Heckling from the Brethren here and the Broad Avenue people. He is a favorite with the preachers and people. Physically he is an athlete, intellectually he is vigorous and forceful, he is not a great orator but a very entertaining earnest and acceptable preacher of the gospel. A diligent worker, and considering the field is a success.

I assure you I do not wish him to move
neither do I believe it would be wise in him
to do so. A few years of experience and
development here would fit him much
better for a larger field.

Fraternally
John W Bain.

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October 15 1902

My dear Mr Robinson

As I know Dr Stevenson and know Park Church I congratulate you heartily upon the splendid opportunities for work to which you have been called.

Do you remember Charles Elbert Rhodes Princeton '91 who roomed one year next ~~to~~ you? He was called

"Bert" Rhodes at college. I wish Rhodes might go to the Potsdam church. He does not know that I am writing you and I don't know as he would thank me for suggesting his name but I am greatly interested both in Rhodes and in Potsdam. Rhodes married my sister; and our father, mother and brother are buried at Potsdam, we were baptized in the Potsdam church which my father helped to build and we have many friends there. My sister would use her influence to get Mr Rhodes to go to Potsdam if he were asked. The question of salary is secondary as my brother is not wholly dependent upon his salary though, of course, he would not accept in any place a smaller salary than the former pastor received.

Rhodes' work here will bear close scrutiny. Eight years ago when he graduated from Auburn Seminary he started this church in a hall up four flights of stairs. Now they have a pretty building and a flourishing church filled (every pew taken) with young people. The congregation is for the most part a well to do, cultured class of educated people. The church is small with but little opportunity for growth owing to fact that neighborhood is not growing. Rhodes is a scholar, a good preacher and a hard worker. I wish you could persuade Potsdam people to look him up. He can stand on the record of what he has done without outside booming.

He refused a call of forty five hundred dollars a year to a church in New York because he did not wish to bring little children up in New York and felt it his duty to remain here while the church was being built. Rhodes is thirty four.

Pardon my presuming on my Clinton friendship to write you.

With very best wishes
Cordially yours
H. Roswell Bates.

BROAD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
R. B. BEATTIE, PASTOR.

ALTOONA, PA., Apr. 15 1902.

My dear Bro:-

Your letter, delayed somewhere along the line, is at hand and I hasten to answer it. In as much as you are away from Ky. now I shall send this to Syracuse hoping the delay will in no way inconvenience you.

At present my duty is here. I could not conscientiously leave my church now. It is just on its feet, having had a hard up hill pull and I feel that to leave it without a leader now would be wrong. During the last three weeks I have had four opportunities to

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I leave and have answered all in the same way. Two of them offering salaries over $2500. So you see I am serious in what I now write you about the Potsdam church. I know it is a fine church but I feel that if God was leading me elsewhere He would make me feel mine like building up others than I do you. I want to be loyal to my people here who have been loyal to me and I do feel deeply the necessity - of remaining here for sometime to come. Thanking you for your interest in my welfare and assuring you of my desire to do my duty in the highest sense, with

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Kindest regards to the family from my numerous household

Lovingly

Beattie

BROAD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
R. B. BEATTIE, PASTOR.

ALTOONA, PA., Oct. 28. 1902.

My Dear Brother:—

The days at Ozonia come back now and then with great refreshment and remind me of my pleasant meeting with your wife and yourself at Fernwood. I have often thought that you estimate of me must have been a rather peculiar one due to the "loose play" conditions of our that acquaintance and I hope some day to let you in on the other side of life and get a glimpse not of Beattie the monkey - but of the developed monkey - Beattie the man. I have always blessed it to be a comparatively easy task to make a monkey out of a man. But as for that theory which makes men out of "monkeys", as the Irishman spelled it, I have my doubts. Excuse this digression so scientific as it surely is.

I want, by this letter, to extend

to you my congratulations on your call to Syracuse. I hope that in accepting it you open for yourself a great field of labor which will be your crown and your joy. May God give you the seal of His loving approval in your every attempt to advance the interests of our beloved Church and the cause of other blessed Damian. accept this note as expression of my my best wishes and in behalf of my wife I extend here to both your good wife and yourself adding also "the boy" Believe me fraternally yours

Beattie

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October 28/1902.

Dear Brother Robinson :--

Yours of recent date announcing a change of address is at hand. I had the pleasure of reading in one of the papers recently that you had been called to a Syracuse church. I know little about the churches of that city as I was never there but once and then I attended the First Church. The former pastor of the church to which you go was a classmate in Westminster College of Mrs Black. Knowing this I have kept an eye on him somewhat and so know a little of his old church.

I trust you may have a long and fruitful pastorate in your new field and that all of His work may greatly be blessed under your care.

Cordially
James T. Black

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Rev. W. Courtland Robinson

My Dear Sir:-

The City S. S. Association meets Monday evening Dec. 15th at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. It occured to me that it might be a very opportune time for you to meet many of the Superintendants and workers in the various Schools, It would also give us the pleasure of looking into your face, and shaking your hand, and thus form a link which we trust might prove a blessing to you as well as to our Association. We are always glad to welcome new Pastors, and invite them to contribute anything by way of experience or suggestion to help the cause we represent.

May the Lord bless you as you come to our City.

Yours Sincerely
Jos. A. Blant
Pres.

Try to arrange to accompany Mr Levette at 6-30. at which time supper will be served. J.A.B.

Saturday Eve.
Dec. 13th 1902.

Dear Mr Robinson—

Your lovely letter was sent on to Watertown to me and I was delighted to hear from you dear ones. I went last week Friday and had a delightful time until Monday, when I was took sick and could not speak a loud word I was so hoarse. I can hear you say to your beloved Fran. "It's a terrible thing when a woman can't talk" but all the same I must had something awful. I stayed in bed two days and had the Doctor three times and was well enough to come

from Thursday - I was so
disgusted with myself -
their old Stone St. church was
freezing cold, and that's when
I got it.
Well. Sunday evening Mr Campbell
came up to the Saunders for
lunch after service and when
they said I was from Potsdam
he enquired if I knew the
Rev. Courtland Robinson?
"*Well yes*," says I. and then he
proceeded to inform me how
he met you in Syracuse
and was a classmate etc. etc.
Wasn't it funny?
They were much pleased with
him and are ready to call
him if he gives sufficient
encouragement-

He was very pleasant and
he certainly preached two
excellent sermons.
How did you like him in
College?
I have just telephoned Joseph
and he says they are not
to vote for any body to-morrow
Mr Rochester is to preach.
I supposed they had settled
on Mr Lovett but it seems
not:
We have not had an interview
with Gracie Lesson since
her arrival. Too stormy for
me, with my melodious voice,
to venture out: I expect she
will have a glowing account
to give us. I hope she behaved
all right for a country girl.

other people liked his sermons except Mr Simonds. Gra[illegible] will tell you about her conversation with him -

Rosa told me you had invited her to spend a week with you but she said it was too near Christmas and their Grace must go away somewhere. She'll be thankful when she goes and she needn't come home on my account - unless she gets good natured.

You said in your letter that you needed Sister Pert and I - well, I want you to understand you don't need us half as much as we need you and Sister Robinson and its such a comfort to know that we are not so very far apart - we can write and see each other once in a while anyway - you have always been so very very helpful to us and don't you dare lose a speck of interest in us - I was so glad to get the installation program. Glad Mr S- did so well - Affectionately Ella O. Barry

Because of love for dear Little Rog: I am getting so I can't write a decent letter - I told you I was a wreck and it's true.

Tuesday Eve--
Dec 2nd 1902--

Dear Mr Robinson--

We are so glad to hear that the Trio arrived safely in Syracuse Saturday eve. Lady Loveless was here last night and I found out how to pack cats properly - i.e. - in a black bag with only the head visible and all ~~would~~ will be calm and serene - so when you move back you will know better how to bring the cat?

Well, Socrates Smith is here walking

him - but oh dear! he or any one else
will seem like a usurper for no
one ever will be able to half take
your places in our hearts.

The Adjutant came to day and it
made me cry - Your letter was beautiful
in it but I'm afraid it is the last one.
Well dear friends I'll stop grumbling
for I fear you will forbid my writing
you if I keep on like this -

The missionary meeting yesterday was
a grand mixture of singing & Bible
reading - singing and Bible reading
then Grace K. attempted to have some pictures

walking about these streets and
lo! he wears a silk hat and
gold eye glasses. He is quite
tall and fine looking, in fact
looks like *you* my dear Pastor
so of course I like him, or
rather am prepared to like him,
not love him mind you. That
I'm afraid I shall never do again
to any minister and wife.
I hear he is to stay over Sunday
and preach also attend Prayer
meeting to-morrow evening.
The people who heard him
at Canton, seemed pleased with

and the lights were off as usual -
so then they rustled around and
made some tea and had
refreshments and another song -
then later came the pictures
which were rather faint - but
pretty good. The whole affair
went zigzag somehow - but
the thank offering amounted
to $31.00
I forgot to tell you Mr Smith
what a name for a dignified
minister! has 4 children - oldest
eleven, youngest four I believe -
three girls and one boy -
Of course if he comes these three

innocent little girls must be put out of the way somehow - and a contract signed as to the future - It does seem sad when you think of it. Joseph B- asked me if I would take him this week and I replied, that I was sure he was all right at the hotel - J. R. K. can have the next man if she wants him tho' I mean to be real nice to the three homeless little girls -

Rosa is *horrified* to think he is here this week - thinks its just dreadful - *doesn't* *approve* *at* *all* etc. etc. - of candidating.

But the Session go calmly on
and do as they think best -
I suppose half a dozen people
have written you all this, but I
know you are interested in us
even if you are being installed Thursday.
probably this very minute - no that is
We were so glad to get such a
nice long letter from dear
Sister Robinson to-day.
I really believe she will feel
better after she has been here.
And how we would love to see
her any minute - I hope Jane
Dixon can make them a
visit this week. Jane will
enjoy her so much.
This old lady feels a little better

than I've did last week tho'
if I didn't have a stomach
~~and~~ liver and nerves I would
be better still I'm sure -
This is a dreadful letter and
if you have any affection
what you left for me. after
reading it, please cremate
it in ~~your~~ fire place at
once. Fran and I called on
some people on upper Elm
St. this p.m. - she has now
retired and I am about to do the
same - Believe me ever your

Affectionate friend
Ella F. Bonney.

Dear Mr Robinson -

Your letter this a.m. has taken my breath away. I never received such a cordial invitation before and never, never expect another -

"I would love dearly to put a collar in my grip and go" but really dear 'friends' I cannot for various reasons.

You may see me next June -

Mrs Denny + Mrs Sanford have a function this p.m. to which Grace + I are going. Some big man said ~~them~~ it was a "gabble, giggle, gobble git." I wonder what your affair was yesterday Sister Robinson? How does Mrs Edgerton like the big city? my love to her please -

or Feb. some time, provided
you want me.
Hannah is just on the verge
of another outing - Her sister
Nora is ill and all Croydon
will doubtless be present by to-night.
The fracas will probably last until
Monday - did you ever know
the likes of her? I can hear
you both answer NO all the
way from Syracuse -
Any how, I'll christen my new
silver dishes while she is away -
So lovely of you to buy — a
set - but Macie Lisson don't like

her man - He's too young -
And Mrs Rufus says she is
wearing her present: but you
wouldn't imagine it to see her
in her new loose jacket -
Archie and I took Prof. Robinson
and wife to Norwood this a.m
They have gone bag and baggage
Every last Robinson gone -
I am so glad you have a
girl - Thank you a thousand
times for the invitation to visit
you. I'll be there sometime -

With lots of love to you all.
Most sincerely
Ella P. Bonney -
Wed. Nov 19th 1902 -

Oct 31st 1902 -

50 Elm St.

Dearly Beloved Friends:-

What a week this has been, beginning with Sunday morning! I trust we may never experience another like it.

You have left behind you the awfullest aching void, the loneliest aching hearts, and the most forlorn, forsaken looking house that was ever heard of. You don't know how we miss

that little tap on the door -
and the "hello" from the man
with a bag of bananas - and
to night we say good bye
to the Heaths - Isn't it terrible
Well, dear friends I won't make
you more blue than you
are, ~~are now~~ but tell
you how beautifully the
Chrysan ———— have kept
and how every body admires
them. I put salt in the water
and I think they have revived
since Sunday. You see they
have the distinction as well as

the rest of us - Waldo Smith said
it was the saddest day he ever
experienced, tho' the service
was beautiful.
I was so delighted to hear
from you, that you arrived
safely and received a cordial
welcome. Those Syracusans
have got to put forth their
best efforts I can tell them
or you will get called back.
Grace received a letter from
you this a.m. and it brought
tears to my eyes again (when
I supposed I was all cried out)
to think of you being so homesick

I'll try and not write
again until I can
be more cheerful -

Well! this must be the very worst week of all and a lot of sun is coming for even next week, so take courage dear friends - Prof. & Mrs Robinson were over to tea last evening and Oh, how they dread moving again. Mrs Heath & Miss Tisson called and the tears rolled down Leslie Heath's cheeks like rain. Verily this is a vale of tears -

It was so kind of you Mr Robinson to remember us and

a message on Wednesday
evening - I suppose you
know it did not reach
me [illegible] until 9 o'clock
so will be read next Mo.
evening. Fran and I read
it at the Nelsons.

Are you at the McChesneys?
or are you sleeping in the
house and eating there too.
How about the maid
question - I am so anxious
to hear just how you are in.
I wish we were there
to help unwind the things -

You will be so glad to
see Mr Cobley and I hope
the flowers will ~~bring~~ carry
much loving cheer from
these loving hearts -
I am ashamed of such
a forlorn letter and had
I time to write another
I would not send it. tho'
it would not be from
my heart if it were not
forlorn - God bless dear Stewart
and his chum n-beside and may
the dear Father give you both the
needed help and strength. Lovingly Ella O Bonny

The rose is red
The violet blue
The pink is sweet
and so are You.

Affectionately
Sister Bonbon.

Dear Mr & Mrs Robinson.

Your nice note received this morning and glad I was to hear from you.

And so the two strangers did not inspect you? They probably think the others have done enough.

It does not prove, however that they were disgusted and you will probably hear from them soon.

Can't you do something to Dr McMackie to hurry him up? He has not yet prescribed for Mr Mathews, simply sent him two or three postals saying he would do so - Mr Mathews is eating doughnuts and everything at a furious rate - seems to feel some better than when at home but he must need attention.

Mrs Mathews thinks if Dr Mc-

does not allude to him even that
we had better go to N.Y.
It rains every day here but Mother B.
does not allow the fact mentioned!
or she is injured -
This is Grange day and Gov. Odell
is here. We heard some colored singers
at the tabernacle last evening.
They were fine. I am glad you
miss us and hope you will do
so real hard. We will be home
next week sure.

Sincerely Yours -
Aug. 19th 1902 Ella O. Bonney.

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My dear Mr. Robinson,

I enclose letter to your good wife.

We don't like to send these out - but have to do so upon request.

Cubley is in N.Y. & is going to stop at Watertown & hear Rev. Plato T. Jones Sabbath - I rather think Rufus will go down Saturday to be there -

Mr. Jones is highly recommended & We may hear Rev. A. M. Smith the next Sabbath & then hope to be able to settle on one of these & it is barely(?) possible, you know that they wouldn't come if they were asked — Mr. Hale is doing good work for us — We feel as tho' we were in good hands in the interim — All are comfortably well —

Wishing you every good thing in your new work.

I am —

Yours Very truly —

Joseph P. Bunney

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Dear friend,

Your letter was rec'd. from N.Y. I have heard nothing since, tho' to-day was one of the days mentioned as a time you might telegraph me.

I have a bit of sad news to tell you this morning — Ed I thought even if you were away you ought to know it — perhaps a letter from you to Mr. Keenan, or the family might do them a lot of good — Mrs. Keenan fell on the back piazza yesterday morning, and broke her wrist — Drs. Fuller and Finnimore reduced the fracture. and all seemed as well as could be under the circumstances. Toward night Joe Keenan told me he was up. and saw her, and she seemed bright, and cheery — a little later her wrist pained her very hard and she had the doctor come up and inject something in her arm to quiet the pain — The daughter at home looked in the room several times during the evening and that she was sleeping quietly. About nine o'clock it was found that she was unconcious. & she never regained conciousness. The Drs version is that a splinter of bone must have punctured a vein or artery, and that a clot of blood was carried to the brain

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This will be a hard blow to Mr. Keenan. Our ladies held a Church tea last night - I do not know the money result, but I think all had a nice time, and a fine tea was served - We are comfortably well at home Mother while not strong at all, is able to be about the house every day - I had a nice letter from Mr. Phelps of Holland Patent. in reply to one I wrote him a few days ago - He speaks of Rev. Wm C. Spicer of Lyons Falls N.Y. Do you know of him. If so. we would be glad to

Know what you Know —
(That's not K.K.K.) of all days.

Mr. Steele is doing real well for me, I think — He had a good Sermon Sabbath morning last, and a good large congregation — He boards at Mrs. Vance' — Our first Fortnightly lecture comes to-night — Gen. Gordon. — The seats were selected at 1 p.m. this time so that people did not have to get up at midnight to be in line —— Cubley was No. 1. I must close now, with kind regards to you & yrs,

Your friend,
Joseph P. Bassney

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Potsdam, N. Y., Nv. 8 1902

Dear Friends Gen., Porter Robinson, Ed Norris, Greeting – The rest of us wish we were there too – but we cannot be. You will have to do all the hustling. We will care for the pumpkins –

Rufus brought in two letters this morning that I have concluded to send you for perusal,

I call the one from the Rev. Abbey, a fine letter – the thing is good – taking this with what Mr. Daggett wrote about him I feel that he would turn out a good man. His age is 50 I understand. This of course now-a-days is considered along [illegible], but that age to some of us does not seem advanced — How soon we too will come to the line, if we are spared.

The other letter is concerning Rev. Rhodes — This corresponds with what we have heard before as to theology, with some additional traits that are not desirable to a growing church — I showed these to Cubley — He said at once, Rhodes isn't the man for us — Waldo is going to stay one Sabbath at Massena to hear the man there — Please be sure to bring these letters back with you as we shall want them for reference — or you might mail them to me after reading — Wishing you all a happy time in NY.

I am, Your friend. Joe

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Potsdam, N. Y., Dec 3 1902

Dear Mr. Robinson

Rev. McCarthy was in our place this noon & spoke of you so kindly & so appreciatively ~~that~~ I wanted to speak of it to you. If his estimate is correct your stay in S. will be a comparatively short one — reason — wanted elsewh

We think you have a nice opening & ~~that~~ you are fitted for the place you have & that ~~there~~ is work enough for a good able minister of the Gospel —

We hope it may prove all that you have

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anticipated - We hope that to-morrow you may have a blessed joyous Service - One upon which you will look back with exceeding joy when the Grand Review shall be held & those present shall look upon the King in His glory -

Good by & may God bless you now & always -

Lovingly Yrs

O E Bonney